



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 10

Meeting Date: April 18, 2008

Meeting Location: Marion County DCS, Indianapolis

Council Members Present: Chair Taren Duncan, MCDCS; Mary Ann West, MCDCS; D'Andrea Abdullah, MCDCS; Susie Kennedy, MCDCS; Maggie Cooper, Foster parent; Adrana Johnson, MCDCS; Brant Ping (serving as Proxy for Judge Moores), Marion County Superior Court- Child and Adolescent Placement Project

Council Members Absent: Rhonda Allen, MCDCS; Judge Marilyn Moores and Judge Diana Burleson, Marion Superior Court- Juvenile Division; Maribryan McGeney, MCDCS; Peggy Surbey, MCDCS; Judge Beth Jansen, Marion Superior Court- Juvenile Division.

Others In Attendance: Julie Stewart, Children's Bureau; Robb Schrimsham, Foster Care Select; John VanWickgin, Whites Family Services; Monique Busch, Lutheran Child and Family Services; George Brenner, Gallahue; Vince Failla, CASI; Michele Gwaltney, Family Service; Tia Cavanaugh-Favors, Children's Campus; Karen Carlson, Midwest Psychological center; Shawna Webster, Interact; Linda Lipscomb, Transitional Assistant Services; Rep. from Whittington Homes; Allison Creekmore, Valle Vista; Chris Ball, MCProbation; Janice Klein, Children's Bureau; Carmen Young, Resource; Amy Moelhman, Alliance/Mentor; Tim Hammond, IDTC; Dan Embree, Dawn Project/Choices; Angela Reid- Brown, MCDCS; Jodi Dalton, Marion County Superior Court- Child and Adolescent Placement Project

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 9:12 a.m.

I. Call the Meeting to Order

II. Approval of Minutes

- a) Minutes were not available for approval. Minutes will be approved next month.

- b) Minutes will be available on the DCS website. The minutes will be put on the website after Regional Service Council approves the minutes.

III. Old Business

a) Mallon House Update

- i. Klein stated that Mallon House has been put on hold for a couple of months. Stephanie Yoder stated that there is a need to do more design and programming- state-wide. This will not affect the status of the Mallon House. This can be taken off the agenda for the time being as meetings continue with Marion County and State DCS.

b) IFR/IFP Contract Negotiation Update

- i. Contracts are to begin May 1.
- ii. West stated that Reid-Brown, Ping, and West met with providers to discuss negotiations. West is recommending that the agencies that submitted proposals be selected as providers for this service. West made a motion that a contract be extended to the 3 providers. Cooper 2nd the motion. Council unanimously voted to contract with Midtown, Adult and Child, and Bethany at the proposed rates.

c) Drug and Alcohol Scoring Committee Recommendations

- i. West stated that there were two proposals submitted for Random Drug Screens. Given the number of screens that need to be done, West recommended that Marion County contract with both agencies.
- ii. West reported that six agencies proposed services for ER Drug and Alcohol Evaluation. West also stated that given the previous data, it is recommended that Marion County contract with all six providers.
- iii. West stated that before finalizing the contracts, the selection committee would like to meet with the proposed providers to do some negotiations.
- iv. West made a motion to begin the negotiations phase. Abdualah 2nd the motion. Council voted to proceed with contract negotiations. A report will be made at the next meeting.

d) DAMAR Specialized Scattered Sites Contract Renewal

- i. It was recommended at last meeting, that the court representatives have a chance to vote on this program.
- ii. Dr. Dalton asked that this be a two-year contract. Duncan reported that all current contracts will end on Dec. 31, 2008.

Duncan stated that this contract can only be one year. Kennedy made a motion to approve the contract until Dec. 31, 2008. Abudullah 2nd the motion. Council unanimously approved to extend the Damar Specialized Scattered Sites contract to Dec. 31, 2008 at the proposed per diem rate.

e) Dawn Project Contract Renewal

- i. Abudullah made a motion that the contract be extended with the Dawn Project through Dec. 31, 2008. Cooper 2nd the motion. Council unanimously approved the contract extension at the current rate until Dec. 31, 2008.

f) Resource Community Based Services

- i. Duncan requested that we wait until next month until more discussions can happen with the State and with the providers.
- ii. Ping stated that this service could be modified through the ICPA. Duncan still would like to have discussions with the necessary people regarding this.
- iii. Individual cases can utilize expenditure forms if need be.

g) Resource, Options, and Resolute Comprehensive Day Treatment for Youth

- i. West asked if we can contract for these new services. Duncan stated that we need to make the recommendation to the State that Marion County would like to contract with these providers- knowing that the contract would end Dec. 31, 2008. Reid- Brown stated that no new RFPs can be issued and any contracts needed to end on Dec. 31, 2008.
- ii. Carmon Young stated that she will go back to see if YFCS would like to enter into a contract that ends Dec. 31, 2008.
- iii. Valle Vista doesn't have a specific contract to offer for their partial hospitalization. Allison Creekmore will check on how payment occurs.
- iv. Duncan stated that the Council feels this is a much needed service. Duncan would like to table this for another month. Reid-Brown to talk with the State about these contracts. Individual cases can be looked at on an individualized basis to possibly utilize the expenditure form.

IV. New Business

a) Transitional Assistance Services (TAS)

- i. Linda Lipscomb presented for TAS. Judge Moores asked Ms. Lipscomb to present on TAS. There are three programs that TAS is offering a no cost to the court. Ms. Lipscomb stated that she is receiving funding through grants that she wrote. Now, the funding is running out and she needs funding.

- ii. Currently TAS is serving 15-20 youth a day. This is a 12-week program, 4 days a week, multiple pre/post test through out the initial first 12 weeks, random drug screenings, daily issue specific groups, weekly individual therapy sessions, monthly family therapy, daily intensive academic remediation, three months of intensive 1:1 post case management services, daily door-door transportation, mental health treatment, and re-entry into home school. The per diem for this program is \$130.00/day for 12 weeks. Females attend in the a.m. and males attend in the p.m. Many of these kids are on probation. Ms. Lipscomb would like MCDCS to fund the youth that come into TAS. Chris Ball stated that probation uses this but it is not a court ordered program. Ms. Lipscomb state that the schools say they don't have any money to support this program.
- iii. Duncan stated that she would like to set up a meeting with Ms. Lipscomb to further discuss their services. Duncan to talk with Rhonda Allen about the capability of funding this through the Family and Children Fund.

b) CTP Contract Situation

- i. Chris Ball present to discuss the CTP contract. This July the contract runs out with the three current service providers. Ball stated that they continue to look for alternative funding. Ball mentioned that Allen thought maybe we can extend this to the end of the year. Duncan asked Ball to get a copy of the contracts to Reid-Brown. Duncan, Allen, and Ball to meet to discuss all contracts through the court (CTP and Day Reporting). This will be put on the agenda for next month.

V. Other Business from Providers

- a) Amy Moelhman asked about the TFC contract. Duncan stated that at this point it will be extended until the end of the year.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: May 16, 9:00 a.m. This will be held at the Marion County Department of Child Services- Rooms 102-103. This will be the permanent location of all upcoming meetings.

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:15 a.m.